

SENATE BILL NO. 345

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1155, relative to the denial of dental benefit claims; to require certain information to be included in such denials or any written communications related thereto; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1155 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1155. Denial of claims

A dental service contractor or a contract of dental insurance shall establish and maintain appeal procedures for any claim by a dentist or a subscriber that is denied based upon lack of medical necessity. Any such denial shall be based upon a determination by a dentist who holds a nonrestricted license **issued in the United States** in the same or an appropriate specialty that typically manages the dental condition, procedure, or treatment under review. Subsequent to an initial denial, the **licensed** dentist making the adverse determination shall not be an employee of the dental service contractor or dental insurer. **Any written communication to an insured or a dentist that includes or pertains to a denial of benefits for all or part of a claim on the basis of a lack of medical necessity shall include the name, applicable speciality designation, license number together with state of issuance, and the direct telephone number of the licensed dentist making the adverse determination.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____